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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/08

SPONSOR Sanchez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Health Education Cultural Competence Task Force SB 62

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$60.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Department of Health (DOH)
 New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)
 Health Education Cultural Task Force (HECTF)

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)
 New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)
 Health Education Cultural Task Force (HECTF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 62 appropriates \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) from the general fund to the Higher Education Department to continue the task force on cultural competence in health education offered in post secondary schools. This Bill contemplates that the Health Education Cultural Task Force (HECTF) will administer this continuing study.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED states that the goal of this Bill is to facilitate closing of the current gap on health disparities, related to the Departments Health and Racial Health Disparities Report Card.

This Bill continues the work of the 2007 Session SB 600, signed by the Governor on March 30, 2007.

This request was not submitted to the HED for review and is not included in the Departments funding recommendations for FY 09.

HED states there will be a hindrance to the above-mentioned Task Force, if the Bill is not passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HED states that the Bill provides for per-diem and travel, but does not provide money for staff and writing.

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